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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

Senator Russell has just asked for a briefing on Cuba before he goes home. John McCone strongly recommends that he be told the whole story. He would of course be warned of the possibility that this matter may be of immediate operational importance but John thinks it would be very bad for him to go home with an incomplete picture after he has asked for a briefing.

The alternative is to have McCone and Carter unavailable and to have a rather indeterminate briefing given by an officer of whom we would simply say later that he did not have authority to talk freely.

On balance, I agree with John McCone and recommend that an honest briefing be given Russell. Do you approve?

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